

[PUBLIC LAW 718—79TH CONGRESS]

[CHAPTER 950—2D SESSION]

[H. R. 5626]

AN ACT

To authorize the Veterans' Administration to appoint and employ retired officers without affecting their retired status, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That notwithstanding section 2 of the Act of July 31, 1894 (28 Stat. 205), as amended (5 U. S. C. 62), or section 6 of the Act of May 10, 1916 (39 Stat. 120), as amended (5 U. S. C. 58, 59), the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs may appoint to, and employ in, any civilian office or position in the Veterans' Administration, and pay, any retired commissioned officer, or retired warrant officer, of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service. The retired status, office, rank, and grade of retired commissioned officers, or retired warrant officers, so appointed or employed and, except as provided in section 212 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 406), as amended (5 U. S. C. 59a), any emolument, perquisite, right, privilege, or benefit incident to or arising out of any such status, office, rank, or grade, shall be in no way affected by reason of such appointment to or employment in, or by reason of service in, or acceptance or holding of, any civilian office or position in the Veterans' Administration or the receipt of the pay thereof.

SEC. 2. The authority to employ retired commissioned officers or retired warrant officers contained in section 1 of this Act shall be effective for a period of five years from the date of enactment.

Approved August 10, 1946.